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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP OGEN

SUBJ: CONG. DIGGS REQUESTS ACCESS TO TELEGRAMS

1. CONG. DIGGS, WHO ARRIVED THIS AFTERNOON, HAS ASKED TO COME TO EMBASSY TOMORROW MORNING (JAN 8) TO "READ THE FILE OF TELEGRAMS ON ANGOLA".

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPT APPROVAL I HAVE SHOWN HIM COPY OF SECY LETTER TO OAU SECGEN ETEKI, SAYING IT REPRESENTS MOST RECENT U.S. POLICY STATEMENT.

3. I SUGGEST THAT I SHOULD LET HIM READ ALL ORDINARY (NOT LIMDIS OR EXDIS) POLITICAL REPORTING TELEGRAMS FROM AFRICAN POSTS EXCEPT THOSE THAT CONTAIN POLICY SUGGESTIONS BY EMBASSIES. I COULD ALSO EXCISE THE FINAL "COMMENT" PARAGRAPH FROM SOME TELEGRAMS, WHERE THAT PARA CONTAINS POLICY SUGGESTIONS, AND SHOW HIM ONLY THE REPORTING PORTIONS. I DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER SUCH A COURSE WILL BE SATISFACTORY TO HIM, AND IF IT IS NOT, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL HIM THAT SUCH ARE MY INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT, CITING FAMILIAR GROUND THAT IT IS DEPT POLICY NOT TO EXPOSE OUTSIDE THE DEPT THE SUGGESTIONS OF OFFICERS BELOW VERY HIGHEST RANKS. IF REPLY FROM DEPT NOT RECEIVED IN TIME, I PROPOSE TO TELL CONG DIGGS THAT I HAVE ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS, AND UNTIL I RECEIVE THEM I CAN SHOW HIM ONLY REPORTING TELEGRAMS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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